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In response to the Official Action dated 07/16/01 including a restriction requirement, Applicant elects claims 1-20 drawn to a PROCESS FOR THE MICROBIAL PRODUCTION OF AMINO ACIDS BY BOOSTED ACTIVITY OF EXPORT CARRIERS.

However, the election is made with traverse.

It is pointed out that the US is a member of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, PCT, and that, by agreement, all members are held essentially to adhere to the PCT requirements Art. 27. In accordance with PCT requirements there is clearly unity between the process and the product claims as presented in the present application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. If, as a result of the amendment, an additional fee is required, a check covering such fee is enclosed, the fee being determined as follows:

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